





# The Annual President's Dinner

by Glen R. Pitts  
Director, Capital Campaign

On April 15th about 500 people gathered in the beautiful surroundings of the Inn on the Park in Toronto for our Annual President's Dinner.

Again this year we were all reminded why Tyndale exists as our students shared how God had been working in their lives and using Tyndale as His crucible and workshop.

Dr. Jay Kestler, former president of Youth for Christ (USA) and current Chancellor of Taylor University in Indiana, was our guest speaker. Dr. Kestler talked about the moorings we



Special Guest Speaker Dr. Jay Kestler

need as Christians to survive today's storms. He powerfully underscored the message of the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb as being essential pillars of faith.

Dinner guests enjoyed special music provided by Tyndale students, willing to participate despite it being exam week! Dr. Brian Stiller gave a motivating report on the school. He talked about God's faithfulness to Tyndale and how leadership is feeling God's leading to now claim new ground – moving the school closer to becoming one of the finest centres of Christian higher education in North America.

Special thanks go to our many sponsors and friends who supported the dinner and brought others with



Dr. Brian Stiller, Glen Pitts, and Dr. Jay Kestler

them. The funds raised at this year's President's Dinner, together with what came in during the final two weeks of April, enabled us, for the seventh consecutive year, to end our fiscal year in the black.

We are blessed by the faithfulness and on-going support of the many friends of Tyndale. Thank you again, one and all, for standing with us as we continue to fulfill our call to glory God through the training of future leaders to passionately serve Christ in the world.



Dr. Stiller interviews Seminary graduate Raymond Not about his Tyndale experience.

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Members of the Tyndale Worship Choir performed two pieces for dinner guests.



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## 2002 Venture Expedition

The Venture Recreation leadership students completed their expedition April 6-29th, paddling over 100 miles in the Florida Everglades, and hiking 40 miles through the Smoky Mountains in North Carolina/Tennessee. Students were encouraged to apply their leadership skills in challenging environments, and the class experienced amazing unity through prayer and teamwork.

## The Medium and the Gospel Message

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ination medium was orality, or person-to-person communication?

More and more today, churches are incorporating different forms of communication medium into their efforts to communicate the Gospel. I do not believe that these efforts are in error. Rather, as Christians we need to consider the characteristics of each communication medium so that we understand both its ability to contribute as well as its limitations to communicate the complete story of the Gospel.

# Graduation Chapel

**Sarah Leggett, MDiv**  
Missions/Intercultural Studies,  
Tyndale Seminary



**B**eing part of a community which is seeking to grow in its intercultural sensitivity, slowly, falteringly at times, but unmissably, has been both a challenge and great joy. And I am so very thankful for the sixty or more international students who have put up with me as I struggled to learn how we as Canadian Christians at Tyndale can serve our brothers and sisters from other nations better. However, I am struck more and more by the fact that the diversity of cultures here is not only a privilege, but a responsibility. When Jesus prayed in John 17 that His disciples would be brought into complete unity, He

included a causal connection: we must be unified in order for the world to know that God sent Jesus and that the Father loved the world I am convinced and convicted that we in the body of Christ must not fail to endeavour more and more to fulfill this call to unity, if the world is to see the love of the Father in Christ....

We have all been changed by our time here, although it may be hard to pinpoint exactly how much or in what ways. Who was it that said that the more you know, the more you realize how much you don't know? That has certainly been my experience at Tyndale, and if this rings true to the experience and attitude of students here, I believe it is a good sign. It means that this has not just been an intellectual exercise, means to get a piece of paper. If, ultimately, we have met the Lord in this place, through the study of His word, through readings, papers, exams, ministry experiences, etc.,

then we have succeeded, and so has Tyndale. I hope that we, like Isaiah, will have been so moved by the glory of God that we realize how minute is our comprehension of His greatness and how great is our need of His mercy. It is this that I cling to as I walk away feeling like I have barely begun the lifelong process of being taught by God.

Graduation is a time to reflect on what God has been teaching us during this part of our journey with Him and what we are supposed to learn....Many of us face difficult choices about the arenas of ministry in which to move into. In their message, Tom and Christine Sine, from Mustard Seed Ministries, asked all of us, but especially those who are graduating, to consider very carefully the question: "How does God want to use my life?" rather than be swept away by life's many demands. I pray that we will not do what is merely logical, what is safe, what is convenient, or what is socially expected by our peers or even our Christian circles. I pray that we will do instead what pleases our Master, regardless of the cost.



**Dr. John Kessler receives the Faculty Award for Scholarship from Board of Governors member Miller Alloway.**



**College Student Council President Jordan Donald reads Scripture**



**Professor Elizabeth Davy receives the Faculty Award for Excellence from Board of Governors member Miller Alloway**

## Reading Romans Conference held at University of Toronto



**Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis**



**Dr. Jeffrey Greenman**



**Dr. Victor Shepherd**



**Dr. Tim Larsen**

Joseph Fitzmyer said, "One can almost write the history of Christian theology by surveying the ways in which Romans has been interpreted." On May 28-29, Tyndale Seminary presented a two-day conference entitled "Reading Romans: Encounters with the Epistle to the Romans through the Centuries." This conference was in cooperation with the Canadian Society of Pastoral Studies and was held in conjunction with the 2002 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities being held at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnic University from May 25-June 1.

"Reading Romans" was an interdisciplinary scholarly conference examining the significance of the Epistle to the Romans for a series of major thinkers in the history of Christianity. The conference examined how a wide variety of thinkers engaged with the text and themes of Romans. Depending on the nature of a particular subject's work, the issues covered included the methods of interpretation that they used, how their interpretation reflected their own theological commitments, how they contributed to developments in the history of exegesis and their impact on their own contexts or traditions.

Tyndale Seminary Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. Jeffrey P. Greenman delivered a lecture on William Tyndale's treatment of the Book of Romans; Dr. Victor A. Shepherd, Professor of Historical Theology and Donald N. and Kathleen G. Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies spoke on John Wesley's perspective; Dr. Timothy Larsen, Professor of Church History, presented Romans from the view of J.W. Colenso, and Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis, Professor of New Testament, delivered a lecture entitled "New Perspective on Paul."

# Biblical Literacy Rocks the World



by Kevin Kirk, Director of Enrollment, Tyndale College & Seminary

This isn't a headline that I expect to see on the front page of any major daily newspaper any time soon. The sad reality is that Christian culture today is far from making this true.

According to a recent Gallop Poll, the number of "occasional" Bible readers fell from 79% in the 1990s to 59% in 2001. Only 16% of Christians polled indicated that they read the Bible daily. Many local pastors would support this finding.

It is fair to say that for quite some time now many Christian church congregations have not done a very good job of developing biblically literate members. I believe that most members of most congregations would readily admit to a lack of familiarity with the Bible; its overall story, its major themes

and its main characters. A biblically illiterate Christian community does not have much hope of influencing the surrounding culture with the Gospel.

Our Christian community is in need of people who understand their Bible and who can properly understand and interpret our culture. We need people who know what God has

to say to us and in turn how to engage the culture in which we live. How else will the Christian community be able to spread the timeless message of Jesus in an age of capitalism and materialism? This is where the Christ-centered school fits into the big picture.

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Christian educational institution, like Tyndale, is to deepen one's understanding of Scripture and theology and what

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Christian doctrine. Beyond mastering an extensive amount of biblical and doctrinal knowledge, a Christ-centered education aims to help students develop crucial skills for Christian service and discipleship. These skills include learning how to properly interpret the biblical text, how to think critically and creatively, how to formulate an articulate explanation of Christian belief and how to cultivate an authentic Christian mind.

If you are just starting your educational career or have been in the workforce for many years, Tyndale College & Seminary has both undergraduate and graduate programs that are based on biblical literacy. We seek to educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ. Whether that is in the secular work force or engaged in "marketplace ministry" or in full-time vocational ministry, we aim to prepare this generation to impact this world for Christ. Now that's an education well worth the investment!

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Brighton is a third year student in the Bachelor of Religious Studies (Humanities and Social Sciences) program. Her long-term goal is to work in humanitarian organizations, and she says that this course will greatly benefit her to this end.

She sees the benefit of understanding and work with people better," she says. "I think that two people can see the same thing and each one can see it a different way. This course is teaching me how to work with other people and how to work in community. It's taught me to be able to see issues from more than one point of view and has helped me to become unbiased. I think that's the big thing I'll take away from here."

Chris Fellen, who is in the

Michael Linday,  
Director, Business  
Administration Program



Patricia Webb, Dean of Life Long Learning, bids farewell to Tyndale faculty and staff. Pat has accepted the position of Vice President of Development and Marketing at McMaster Divinity College.

## TYNDALE'S Fall Study Options



In addition to our full slate of day courses, we have scheduled a fantastic selection of evening courses for this coming semester at both the College & Seminary. These courses start at 6:30pm, allowing you plenty of time to get to campus after work. You can take these courses either for academic credit or as an audit student which reduces your overall cost of tuition.

COLLEGE:	Critical Reasoning	Leadership & Admin.	Wednesday Evening	Thursday Evening
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For information on how to enroll for these or any of the other 80 day and evening courses offered this fall at Tyndale College & Seminary, please contact the Office of Enrollment (enroll@tyndale.ca) by calling 416-226-6380.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Grad profile Jason Locke

**G**ifted. Popular. Musical. A leader. These are all titles that could be attributed to Tyndale College graduate Jason Locke. Jason graduated this year from the BRS Religious Studies program and was a recipient of Deans List honours for both semesters, as well as the Dr. John McNicoll Memorial Award in Biblical Studies. However, Jason's talents are certainly not limited to the academic realm. This year he served as Chapel Coordinator, organizing Tyndale's weekly chapels and leading worship. Perhaps his biggest accomplishment has been the orchestra and choir of Tyndale students and staff he brought together in the fall semester. Together, these groups were composed of approximately 40 Tyndale students and staff, and Jason directed, participated in, and arranged the music for both. He organized two special choirs for Christmas and Easter which involved the orchestra, choir, and worship team. As well, the choir performed at the Annual President's Dinner and Graduation.

Jason is born in St. John's, Newfoundland, but, as son of pastor in the Salvation Army, has lived in several communities across Canada. He plays woodwinds, brass, and percussion and is in the process of mastering strings. Connection spoke to Jason in his last week at Tyndale.

**Connection: Why did you choose Tyndale?**

**Jason:** I chose Tyndale because I wanted the one-year Leading Edge program before going to university. I wanted a good foundation before I went to a secular university, and I enjoyed it so much that I decided to do a three-year degree.

**Connection: What affected your decision to stay for a three-year degree at Tyndale?**

**Jason:** The courses that we were taking, especially in my first year, were so new to me they were life-changing. Every course was something profound and impacting, and I wanted more of that. The biblical courses were so deep and so rich, and the other courses like Philosophy and English were able to take the liberal arts and put a spin on it



Jason Locke leads the Tyndale Worship Choir.

that made it relevant for my faith. Once I had that, I wanted more of it, so that's why I decided to come back.

**Connection: Why did you choose to create the orchestra and choir?**

**Jason:** I love choirs and I really think they're helpful in worship. If people see the choir and how energetic they are, it's an example of enthusiastic worship, and helps draw people in a bit more. And the orchestra, I just think that so many things can be done with a worship team with an orchestra. There are so many people at the school who are so talented but won't play if there's no orchestra. And I love composing and conducting; composition was just a thing that I always enjoyed, and picked up when I was younger.

**Connection: What are your plans for the future?**

**Jason:** I would love to be a teacher and come back to a place like Tyndale. I'm really interested in integrating music and theology and the arts. I'd like to teach music theory and composition, and lead large groups like choirs and orchestras.

**Connection: Is there one experience that stands out from your time at Tyndale?**

**Jason:** There are so many profound things, I can't really pick one out. That's why I think the experience here has been so good; everywhere I turn there's something profound happening. Those chapels this year were so incredible, with the amount of work and commitment people put into them.

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Jason plays for guests at the Annual President's Dinner

## Honorary Doctorate Awarded to Rev. David Mainse



over 6,400 episodes, with a weekly audience averaging one million Canadian viewers. The program also offers a 24-hour prayer line service and refers people to social care agencies and churches across Canada. In 1982 Rev. Mainse established the Emergency Response and Development Fund (ERDF) which has disbursed over \$1.5 million to humanitarian and long-term sustainable development projects worldwide. Through Crossroads Christian Communications the Geoffrey R. Conway / Crossroads School of Broadcasting and the Circle Square Ranch camp ministry have been established. In 1998, the Canadian Radio and Television Commission granted Rev. Mainse a license to operate the Crossroads Television System (CTS) where he portrays a credible voice for Canadian Christians and promotes an open and respectful dialogue of faith among citizens. Through his work and the endeavors of the Crossroads Family of Ministries, he seeks to fulfill the Great Commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." Rev. Mainse and his wife Norma-Jean have four children and sixteen grandchildren.



Rev. David Mainse speaks at the Tyndale community graduation Chapel

The Rev. David Mainse was born in Campbell's Bay, Quebec. He began his work in television in 1962 with a weekly edition called Crossroads. In 1977 he began 100 Huntley Street, Canada's first daily live Christian television program which has featured more than 12,000 guests on

# GRADUATES

## COLLEGE VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

### Lynn Ironside,

BRE: Degree Completion Program



**M**ost of us can recall our very first teacher and the initial journey that began to take us, slowly but steadily, away from the safety and security of our father and mother's arms. By the world's standards, this is what is best. We are expected to grow up quickly, to seek autonomy, and to learn how to fend for ourselves, while pushing aside any remnants of the nurturing with which our parents try to hold on to us. My experience at Tyndale has proven to be a gentle reversing of this passage. With each successive class, I began to move further and further into the realm of our Heavenly Father, a realm that speaks of His incredible love, a realm that calls me to come under His yoke, a realm that asks me to lay down my life, a realm that demands total dependence on Him alone, a realm that is eternal, a realm that has shattered my misconceptions. No, these past few years have not been without their trials, yet each of us here today kept pushing forward, to this very moment, often because of the encouragement given by our teachers.

I will always be grateful to the faculty of Tyndale College. Each professor has given so much more than their position requires in your roles as teachers, storytellers, friends and wise counselors. Each of you is willing to invest your passion into the lives of your students.

The question now, for all of the graduates here, is simply, "What next?" What has the Lord planned for all of us today, tomorrow, and the day after that? For some, it may be a return to further studies, for others, who knows?

In her book *Discipling: The Glad Surrender*, Elisabeth Elliot writes, "Christ calls us to do that (what we cannot) and to be that (what we are not). He is asking us to walk on water. Peter succeeded in doing that, but only for a few steps, only for those few seconds, when his gaze was locked on Christ, his mind set, as it were, on things above." But when he looked around, he sank. "Fellow graduates, we have a choice: to sink, or to walk on water; to set our eyes on tasks we know we can accomplish or to set our sights on tasks that only God can accomplish.

As you leave here today, continuing the journey that the Lord is calling you to, know that these words from Acts 1:18 are meant for you. "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." My prayer is that as you go, you will do so knowing within your heart that God is calling you to holiness. Remember to keep your eyes on the Lord and you will walk on water! May God bless you on your journey.



## SEMINARY VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

### Oskar Arrijas

MDiv Pastoral Ministries

**I** still remember, a few years ago, driving out of my former company's parking lot for the last time. I was leaving the high tech world of computers and entering a world of books, thoughts, and ideas. Now, why does a math student like me make such an illogical change in life? I think there is a word that answers that question: grace. A common word really, but how life-changing it is when you erase a little bit of its meaning. One of today's modern poets, Bob Dylan, in his rock band U2, has given a really good description of this word: "Grace. She takes the blame. She covers the stain. Removes the stain. It could be her name. Grace, it's the name for a girl."

*It's also a thought that changed the world*" One of my favourite classes was Apologetics with Dr. James Beverley. This was where we exposed logical fallacies, examined theological contradictions, ruthlessly hunted for the truth. It was not a class for the faint hearted. At the beginning of the course Dr. Beverley gave us 25 key New Testament texts for apologetics. All of the classic biblical passages were there. The apostle Peter advised, "Be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have," the apostle Paul defended himself before king Agrippa, "you know, O king, that all these things were not done in a corner." But there was one text in particular that stood out for me that day. I don't know if Dr. Beverley always sets this one up like this, but it was very effective. He said, "And now I want to give you perhaps the most important biblical text for apologetics." I grasped my pencil a bit tighter. I leaned forward in my seat. I didn't want to miss this one. And he said, "1. Cor. 13: "If you don't have love, you gain nothing." We can feel we have all the right answers, but without charity, kindness and grace, we miss the main point.

How often we hear today of wars, violence, religious strife, family breakdown, lawsuits, hatred, anger, resentment, the list goes on and on. The issues are complex, the feelings are intense, solutions are so hard to come by, everyone feels they have the right answers. But I keep thinking of this little word: grace. Perhaps there is no better word that can describe what is so desperately needed in our world today: Grace, it can melt the deepest hatred, it can heal the deepest wound, it can revive the love that has died long ago.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." It may be an old tune, but its message remains completely relevant. It is this thought that makes Jesus Christ so irresistible to me. I've flipped through my share of books, looked at the lives of other historical figures, heard many touching stories, and yet I have not found a more beautiful expression of grace than the cross.

I could not have imagined a better way to spread my life than to take this message of grace to a world in such great need of it. I am proud and I'm sure I speak for this large group of men and women in front of me. I am proud to follow the One who took the blame and removed my stain. Grace. It definitely is a thought that can change the world.



College graduates  
Rebecca Burditt receives her diploma  
from President Stiller

College graduates

Kathy Thornbirrow

and Bert Capper

# Student profile Joel Geleyne

Joel Geleyne wears many hats. This Tyndale College student has many credits to his name, including figure skater, disc jockey, actor, model, singer, songwriter, recording artist, and youth leader. Joel has just finished his second year at the BRE Youth Ministry program and his first year at Tyndale, having previously attended Augustine College for a year. He says he was attracted to the evangelical nature of Tyndale with the variety of church backgrounds and liked both the smaller size and the "real warmth" of the school.

Although Joel grew up in the Christian Reformed tradition, his faith did not intensify until his year at Augustine College. "I was forced into a corner intellectually," he says, "where I couldn't back out. I just had to accept the reality of God. That's where my faith was really galvanized, and where my heart really became engaged." At Tyndale, he has had additional opportunities for growth, but recognizes that the institution itself is not the sole provider of spiritual maturity. "The tools are here, if you want to find them. The support is here, and everything that is required to live a healthy spiritual life, you can find here, but it's whether or not you're looking, whether or not you want to make that happen." Although presented with other lucrative job offers and options around

Christmas, Joel decided to continue with his education at Tyndale on the advice of a friend, who said, "Go where God is." Joel says he is trying to incorporate this advice into his life and recommends it to others.

"Anytime you don't know what decision to make, just go where God is going to be, and God is always going to be here at Tyndale."

Joel has had many varied experiences in the past few years. He has been working as a volunteer youth pastor and worship leader in a church in Guelph for the past two years, and was a competitive figure skater for the past ten, retiring from the national team just a week before enrolling at Tyndale.

Last summer he worked as a DJ at CHRI in Ottawa, and has also worked as a model and an actor, landing a role in the movie *The Whole Nine Yards*. He is currently working for Crossroads Television Systems as a research assistant for the show *Listen Up*. Joel's latest endeavour is his solo album, *Joel G.* He met his band members at Tyndale, where they played in a worship team together. This album is an authentic and honest look at his own journey and revelations about what God has been doing in his life. His music can be downloaded from [www.joelgc.ca](http://www.joelgc.ca).

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in a direction that Alex did not foresee. Having resigned from his church due to the teaching the Lord was leading him elsewhere, Alex was approached by David Garekson of the Christian Broadcasting Association of Canada to join their organization as President.

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Alex speaks very fondly of his years at Tyndale and believes that Tyndale was very instrumental in his growth and preparation for ministry. The Tyndale community, he believes, helped to form his life and offers the necessities one needs to build their lives around Christ. He recommends the school to all believers.

In 1969, doors began to open in a direction that Alex did not foresee. Having resigned from his yellow pages. He remembers sitting with his spiritual mentor, Jim Pointer, a Methodist pastor, and describes the picture as comical. Jim was in his ministerial collar sitting in his office chair encouraging Alex in his gentle way. Alex, a child of the 60's, sat across from him with long hair and remarked, "I know you want to pray, go ahead, won't break out."

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Believing that it is all about people coming to Christ one person at the time, Alex also sees the difficulties in using the mass media to evangelize. The challenge to those involved in ministry through the media is that as they use a medium designed to teach the masses they also need to touch the individual.

Alex's vision for his own ministry is that his programming will be honoring to God and present an accurate picture of the gospel. In accepting this role, Alex has experienced an even greater sense of the power of God. He is involved in various ministries which include ministry to prison inmates all through Canada, involvement in sponsoring aboriginals who want to train for ministry, ministry to homeless people, as well as a food and clothing bank.

## Alumni

### Interview 700 Club President Alex Parachin



In 1983, Alex Parachin graduated from what was then Ontario Bible College. As a new Christian he desired to gain a better understanding of what it meant to be a child of God. He fingered through the phone book and phoned the first school he found.

Though Alex had never intended to be in full-time ministry, the Lord had a different plan, and there is no doubt in his mind that the Lord led him to find OBC in the yellow pages. He remembers sitting with his spiritual mentor, Jim Pointer, a Methodist pastor, and describes the picture as comical. Jim was in his ministerial collar sitting in his office chair encouraging Alex in his gentle way. Alex, a child of the 60's, sat across from him with long hair and remarked, "I know you want to pray, go ahead, won't break out."

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## Tyndale Players Tour

and I'm trying to discern what that is by trying different things out," he says. "Each experience has given me a broader resume and opened doors. I don't know if I'll ever be doing just one thing." Joel does not envision a 9-to-5 life ahead of him. "It doesn't have to be that way," he exclaims. "There must be a way that we can do what we love without being a slave to the clock." To him, life is to be an adventure. "I have a big heart to see North American Christians wake up and become excited about their faith. If we really lived out our faith the way we're supposed to it would be an adventure. God is about living an adventurous life even in the midst of your 9-to-5 day and living outside the box. That's how I try to live my life, by not being mediocre and making it an adventure – and that has been."

"The adventure isn't really in my circumstances; it's an inner adventure. You can be doing the same thing for 50 years but really it's your inner walk that's the adventure. That's really my message, and I hope that comes through my music."

Under the direction of Richard Peters from Brookstone Performing Arts, a group of six Tyndale students participated in a one-week spring drama tour. With nine performances in seven days, the Tyndale Players were able to minister to more than 1000 people at events including church services, school chapels and youth meetings.

"While we have had musical groups tour on behalf of the school, a group focusing exclusively on drama is something that is quite new. It relates directly to some of the courses we teach here at Tyndale and we wanted to see how well the classroom experience would travel on the road," observed Dr. Jon Ohlhausen, VP of Marketing and Enrollment Management.

The theme for this year's production was "The Foolishness of God." It was based upon scriptural teaching from I Corinthians that speaks about the observation that God often uses the foolish things of this world to confuse people who think they are wise. Ultimately, however, we discover that it is not God's foolishness but simply the shortsightedness of our spiritual vision.

For more information about future tours of the Tyndale Players, please call the school at 416-226-6380 and ask for extension 2103.

# Faculty and Staff Notes

Dr. Jim Bevelley, Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Seminary, spent a week in Lebanon and Syria in April and took part in a symposium entitled "Christianity and Islam: Bridge Building and Reconciliation," sponsored by the Middle East Council of Churches and Reconciliation Walk. He also recently finished a new book called *Muslims in America* published by Facts on File and also completed work as Associate Editor for a five-volume encyclopedia on world religions published in June 2002.

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Dr. Craig A. Carter, Vice President and Academic Dean of the College, spoke at a chapel service held at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Illinois on March 6 on the topic of "Shall We Take Up the Sword?" While at AMBS, he also engaged in a dialogue with the Faculty on his paper "Yoder's Critique of H. R. Niebuhr's Christ and Culture." Dr. Carter also presented his paper "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder" at the Fourteenth Believers Church Conference, which was held at the University of Notre Dame on March 7-9. On March 14, Dr. Carter served as one of three respondents to a lecture given by Dr. Stanley Hauerwas entitled "Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a Political Theologian" at the Toronto School of Theology.

Dr. Bob Dorenbacher, Associate Dean of the Seminary and professor of New Testament, gave a lecture for the Catholic Biblical Association of Canada on November 29, 2001 entitled "The Social Setting of Matthew's Cultural World" as part of the Biblical Spirituality Program. He also gave a three-lecture-series in April-May 2002 at St. James Cathedral in Toronto on the impact of St. Paul's ministry in the early church. His part-time ministry as a deacon in three parishes continues in the Toronto West Deanery for the Anglican Church of Canada.

Rev. Donald Goertz, Director of the MTS Modular Program in History and Christian Spirituality at the Seminary, has been granted a sabbatical year for 2002-2003. He plans to complete his doctoral dissertation.

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Gordon Heath, Professor of History, presented a four week History of Christianity adult elective at Walmer Road Baptist Church in March.

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Dr. Daniel L. Wong's Sunday Speaking included Mandarin Chinese Community Church, Cornerstone Chinese Alliance Church, Wesley Chapel, and Weston Park Baptist Church. He conducted a 4-week Sunday School course on Personal Evangelism with Richmond Hill (Chinese) Baptist Church and led retreats with Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church worship leaders, a joint retreat between Chinese Presbyterian Church and Celebration Presbyterian Church, and Don Valley Bible Chapel leadership.

Tyndale Seminary thanks the following faithful faculty members who have taught for many years on a part-time basis, in the regular Fall and Winter courses. Directed Reading and Research courses, the MTS Modular Program, Extension Education courses in London and Oakville, and in the Spring/Summer School program.

Congratulations to Dr. Bayard Bennett, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies & Theology, who has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in Michigan. Dr. Bennett has taught Elementary Greek in recent years, and he also taught Systematic Theology this academic year. We wish God's blessings upon Dr. Bennett, his wife Marilyn and their children, Daniel, Timothy and Susanna, as they move to Grand Rapids this summer.

Congratulations to Dr. Ken Fox, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, who has recently accepted a one-year renewable appointment as Assistant Professor of New Testament at Alliance Biblical Seminary in Manila.

Congratulations to Dr. Harry Hahne, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, who has been appointed Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at the Phoenix campus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, effective August 1, 2002. Dr. Hahne has taught a variety of courses at the Seminary part-time since 1986. We wish Dr. Hahne and his wife Elizabeth, all of God's blessings as they move to Arizona this summer.

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## Victor Shepherd to Host

### “John Wesley Tercentenary Celebration Tour”



Victor Shepherd

In June 2003, Christians all over the world will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of one of Christendom's giants, John Wesley. Dr. Victor A. Shepherd, Professor of Historical Theology and Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary, will be marking this occasion by hosting a Christian Tours special series, the "John Wesley Tercentenary Celebration Tour." This tour, on June 17th, is part of a greater "Scenic Highlights of Britain" tour that runs from June 4th to 18th, 2003.

Dr. Shepherd, who is the pre-eminent Wesley scholar in Canada today, states, "I am thrilled to be associated with this Christian Tours special series, and to escorting one of the coaches - part of the tercentenary celebrations of John Wesley's birth. Having profited for years from the head and heart of the man

from Epworth, it excites me to think of retracing his steps and revisiting the sites that are 'holy ground' for all who are his spiritual sons and daughters."

The Wesley tour will begin with a walking tour of central Bristol, including a private visit to hymn-writer Charles Wesley's house/museum and the New Chapel. Those on the tour will then enjoy a unique celebration, planned for the Canadian visitors and focusing on the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, his life and legacy. The hymns of Charles Wesley and the discipline and influence of Suzanna Wesley's life will also be celebrated. After the special anniversary celebration in Wesley's Chapel, a gala dinner will be served with over 40 fellow travellers from Canada, U.S.A., Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

# Alumni Keeping in Touch

Please use this section as a prayer guide.



**John Edward Montgomery '76.** This little blessing came to them when he was only a few days old. He was left at their gate post where they minister in Nigeria with Campus Crusade for Christ. After surviving outside naked and alone in the cold, Josiah's life is even a greater miracle. Josiah is a baby brother for Jonathan, Joshua and Jeremy, Josiah's big brothers chose Benjamin to be his middle name because they vowed to take care of their new brother as the biblical Joseph looked out for his brother Benjamin.

Congratulations to the Reaume family! Jan (nee Potz) Hartford '78 was married September 22, 2001 to Arnold Hartford. Jan was a faculty member at Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary from '78 to '83. Jan currently has a private practice as a marriage and family counsellor.



**Krista (nee Webb) '96** and Eliot Dixon '96 were excited to announce the birth of their first child. Gabriel Thomas Dixon was joyfully welcomed into the world on December 12, 2001.

Eliot and Krista are living in North York where Eliot works as a marketing manager and Krista loves being a stay-at-home mom. Congratulations!

## MEMORIALS

The Tyndale Alumni Association wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Margaret Schiurri in the recent loss of her husband, Bruce Schiurri '58. Bruce faithfully ministered in Baptist Churches in Gladstone, Dorchester and Scarborough, ON, in Portage la Prairie and Minnedosa, MB. After a short illness with cancer, Bruce went home to glory on March 15, 2002.

**Benjamin**, who was born April 21, 2001 weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz. This little blessing came to them when he was only a few days old. He was left at their gate post where they minister in Nigeria with Campus Crusade for Christ. After surviving outside naked and alone in the cold, Josiah's life is even a greater miracle. Josiah is a baby brother for Jonathan, Joshua and Jeremy, Josiah's big brothers chose Benjamin to be his middle name because they vowed to take care of their new brother as the biblical Joseph looked out for his brother Benjamin.

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**Sharon Brown (nee Redgers) '76** who graduated with her B.R.E. moved to Florida 4 years ago and now lives in Vero Beach with her 3 children, Daniel (17), Joel (15) and Alyssa (12). She would love to hear from any of her friends and fellow graduates. You can write her at: 526 23rd Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32962, or email at: waterlily\_03@hotmail.com.

**John '85 and Wendy '84 (nee Stuard)** Reaume are pleased to announce the latest addition to their family, Josiah

## Letters from Alumni



If you have memories or comments you would like to share with the extended Tyndale community, please send them to us care of Connection, 25 Ballyconnor Ct., Toronto ON, M2M 4B3 or at connection@tyndale.ca.

## Hope House - Reaching One Heart at a Time



By Amy Gordon, OBC '94

Think about it. You are scared, alone, hungry, and tired, and you're only 16 years old. You can't go home. The shelves are full. You feel abandoned. Doesn't anyone care that you want to get out of this cycle of abuse, abandonment and fear? Can you ever receive the love you long for?

Hope House was born out of a desire to reach teenage girls who are trapped in a destructive and fearful lifestyle, and who need a safe place to live. It was founded on the belief that children are a gift from God and as such have the right to be loved, cared for, nurtured and encouraged. We would love to help all who are satisfied for now, to answer God's call to reach one heart at a time.

Our house parents, a beautiful Christian couple, live at Hope House full-time and provide, among many things, the emotional stability and consistency our girls require. They strive to make the house into a home where the girls can experience the love of Christ in a non-threatening environment through the day-to-day activities of life, school and household chores and budgeting.

We believe that each young girl who comes to us by God, and as such is given to us by God, and as such treat them as special and unique treasures. We realize that life has not been easy for these girls and we count it as a privilege

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lege to walk with each of them through this time of their life. Sometimes the unconditional love we desire to show these girls comes tough. We need to provide them with the abilities and skills that they will need to live on their own, which includes discipline, responsibility, and decision-making. If you know of any one who could benefit from the ministry of Hope House, or if you would like more information, please contact us at (905) 569-7776, ext. 35. We are also always looking for people to join our volunteer staff to assist Hope House in a variety of ways, from one-on-one time with the girls, to promoting our ministry within our cities, churches, and organizations. We would appreciate your prayers as we serve our God in this way...reaching one heart at a time.

# Distinguished Alumni 2002



## K. Ruth Wallace

Tyndale College (BTD), 1993

Ruth Wallace is the Dean of Students at The King's University College in Edmonton, Alberta. Previously she served as the Student Development Counsellor at King's and as the Dean of Students at Bethany Bible Institute in Saskatchewan. She graduated from Tyndale College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Theology, where she earned the Phi Alpha Mu award. She continued in her studies to earn a Master of Arts in Worldwide Studies from Toronto's Institute for Christian Studies; a Master of Education from Azusa Pacific University in California, and is in the process of completing her Doctor of Ministry at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Ruth is a member of various organizations and associations, including the Canadian Association of Christians in Student Development (past president), the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, and the Student Affairs and Services Association. She has also served as a member of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Women's Concerns Committee and the MCC Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

## Anne E. Woolger

Tyndale Seminary (MTS), 1988

Anne Woolger is the founder and director of Matthew House, a privately-run shelter for refugees in Toronto. Since opening as a permanent home in August 1998, Matthew House has provided shelter and assistance for more than 200 refugees from over 40 countries. In addition to earning a B.A. (Hons.) in History (Queens) and a Master's degree in Theology (Tyndale), she received a Certificate in International Human Rights Law in 1994 from the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France. Anne has represented Canadian church coaltions at Human Rights forums both in Ottawa and at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva. She has served on various local and national refugee boards including Toronto Refugee Affairs Council Detention Sub Committee and Canadian Baptist Ministries and the Canadian Council of Churches National Refugee Committee. Anne has also served on a consultative committee with Canada Immigration (Ottawa), regarding the private sponsorship of refugees and was involved in overseeing the Kosovo refugee resettlement program in the spring of 1999. Recently she was appointed by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) to lead their Refugee Task Group. She is a regular guest speaker at missions conferences and churches where she educates the public about the local and worldwide plight of refugees and encourages Christians to reach out to them.

# Golden Millers: Celebrating 50 Years

by Jill Potter, Alumni Coordinator

**H**appy voices carried through the hallway and there were many giggles as those socializing realized that there were classes in session. I quickly led the happy group into the dining hall where coffee and warm muffins waited. Surely, I thought, this might quiet them down but their pleasant voices continued on through the

campus at 10:00 am and were quickly engaged in conversations with those they had not seen in years!

Each year the Alumni Office hosts a Golden Miller celebration in honor of those who graduated 50 years ago. This year's celebration was held on a snowy spring day but the weather did not dampen our festivities. Members from the graduating classes of '52, from both Toronto Bible College and London Bible Institute, were treated to a day of activities and celebration. They arrived on campus at 10:00 am and were included in the Tyndale choir and a beautiful orchestra.

Following the blessing of music and song the Golden Millers enjoyed lunch with our President, Dr. Brian C. Stiller. Dr. Stiller shared his vision for the future of Tyndale with his guests and asked them to share in this vision through prayer. Each guest was also given a copy of Dr. Stiller's book, *What Happens When You Die*, as a memory of the special day. After the meal the Golden Millers had more time to become reacquainted and held a class

meeting.

The day was one to remember with folks traveling from as far as Nova Scotia to join us for the reunion. There were 36 honored guests in attendance and each left with a booklet of memories which highlighted the past 50 years of their lives. If you were a member of the class of '52 and were unable to attend, please contact the Alumni Office for a copy.

Together the Golden Millers shared stories of what God has done and continues to do in their lives. The class of '52 collected for a special project which will be used to plant a strong oak tree in our courtyard. This gift will be a lasting memory of the class of '52 and a beautiful addition to our school.

Many blessings to the class of '52 as

they continue to serve the Lord in their

various churches and ministries. We

look forward to celebrating with you in

future years as we look ahead. Next

year we will celebrate again with the

class of '53. If you are a member of the

class of '53 expect a letter next winter as

we begin to plan your Golden Miller

Anniversary. Our school certainly has a rich history of beautiful men and

women of God!



# The Heart of the President

BRIAN C. STILLER



ents—as pastors—that having a television would be worldly and set the wrong standard for our church community. Many Christians in those early years of television feared a pervasive influence of "Hollywood." That is, until Bishop Fulton Sheen and Oral Roberts began their own weekly television programs. It was then Christians saw the possibility of using this new medium for Gospel proclamation. Not only was that my first encounter with this revolutionary device, it was a great moment in football history: the relatively unknown Jackie Parker picked up a fumble and ran almost the length of the field for the winning touchdown.

My second memory of television was as a teenage evangelist: my lifelong friend Terry Law and I had been sent by our denomination as summer evangelists in British Columbia. That summer a satellite beamed an image and sound that could be picked up around the world. It was then that we realized it was possible that "every eye could see and every ear hear" simultaneously—it was to two young evangelists an eerie foretelling from the Scriptures.

Our family home never had a television. (Well, there was one memorable exception when John Diefenbaker won the federal election in 1957. Dad rented a TV just for that evening!) The reason why? My par-

label "worldly." The two words, however, mean something quite different.

First the "world" is God's creation. Planet Earth not only gives forth life but in its original state was harmonious: a mirror of its Creator. Human life as part of that creation is "in His image." It is the *imago Dei*. Human life, and other forms of creation, are part of the world which is the Lord's.

The inappropriate use of the word "worldly" has created the impression that the "world"—that is the creation—is less in God's eyes than what we loosely call the human

today. Television—ubiquitous, everywhere, pervasive. While it is not unwise to ask the question

about its nature, for most of us today it is like asking if cars are necessary. Televisions, like cars, have become part of everyday life. The question we should raise, however, is how are we to use this—or any—part of God's creation so as to serve His creation and His Kingdom in faithfulness?

The question is, what can we include as part of God's world? We have difficulty with this question because we have created a false division in His creation and we end up labeling what He has created as "worldly." We stumble around with the word "world." We make it synonymous with the word and idea we

tions—we allow it to be taken over by "worldliness." Here a definition would be helpful.

The world is God's handiwork. Worldliness is allowing any part of His creation to replace our worship of God. In other words, a worldly heart substitutes an idol in place of God.

So, for example, an educational degree is part of one's preparation for life. If, however, we make it our security and assume it is the ticket to the future we turn that into an idol. In other words, what was a gift from God becomes an idol. The degree becomes worldly. We are the ones who take what is perfectly legitimate and turn it into an idol, by robbing it of God's goodness.

Media—be it television, radio, publishing, or the internet—is part of God's wider creation. People by use of their God-given talent access the electronic elements of God's creation.

The question we want to ask is, how should it be used? For a follower of Jesus to discard media because it too often has been abused is to end up misunderstanding the nature of this world of His creation.

When we understand that all of life is the Lord's, we see media as part of life that rightfully belongs to the Lord. As kingdom-people, our calling is to reclaim the ground that has been lost. And that includes the many venues of modern and postmodern media.

## "Earth not only gives forth life but in its original state was harmonious: a mirror of its Creator."

## TYNDALE GRAD APPOINTED International Director of Arab World Ministries

Dr. J. David Lundy (OTS '88) has been appointed as the International Director of Arab World Ministries. David has been the English language pastor of the Chinese Gospel Church in Toronto for the past 2 1/2 years and was the pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church in Toronto from 1995-1999.

David served with OM India from 1972-1978 and as OM's Canadian Director from 1985-1994. David was the first Canadian Director of Arab World Ministries (then North Africa Mission) from 1979-1985. He

has been on the Canadian board of Arab World Ministries for the last five years and a member of the International Council of AWM for the past 3 years.

David has long

been a champion of globalization of the harvest force in mis-

sions. He authored the book, *We are the World: Globalization and the Changing Face of Missions*, published by Paternoster Press in 1999. His new book, *Servant Leadership for Slow Learners* has just been published this year by Paternoster Press.

David has enjoyed teaching opportunities as adjunct faculty with Tyndale Seminary and Briercrest Biblical Seminary. He has earned degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry), Tyndale Seminary (Master of Divinity) and the University of Toronto (BA in Political Science).

David and Linda will be based at the Central Services office of Arab World Ministries, in Worthing, England. They plan to relocate to England by January 1, 2003.

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